

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **KERSEY INTRODUCES MANDATORY HOLOCAUST EDUCATION LEGISLATION**

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Clyde Kersey (D-Terre Haute) has introduced legislation that would make teaching the history of the Holocaust mandatory in high schools across Indiana.

"The Holocaust was a horrific event in the world's history and it is important that we don't forget these tragic results of the prejudice that took place in Nazi Germany," said Kersey. "I feel that my legislation will ensure that our students will have a better understanding of the atrocities that took place during the Holocaust and will hopefully teach the students what prejudice can lead to."

The idea for Kersey's bill came from Terre Haute citizen and Holocaust concentration camp survivor Eva Kor. Kor, owner of a local Holocaust museum, has been dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust and, more specifically, life in the concentration camps.

Kersey's legislation, House Bill 1047, will ensure that all concentration camp survivors' experiences in the Holocaust will not be forgotten and that students will be challenged with this difficult subject matter in the hopes that it will expose them to the realities and results of prejudice and hate.

"Prejudice attitudes are sadly still present and growing in our country," said Kersey. "My hope is that by exposing all of our students to the Holocaust in a high school classroom, we can start to put an end to these negative attitudes which only bring us down as a society."

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